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Comments on Enclosures to Dispatch [REDACTED] 29 April 1959.  
(Development of the Cotton Spinning and Weaving Industry in Communist China, Its Effects and Implications; Outline of the Motor Vehicle Industry and Motor Vehicles Produced in Communist China in 1958; Communist China Motor Vehicle Photo Album; The Soviet Far East Fishing Industry.)

1. The referenced studies prepared by USACRAPAC have been reviewed by the following branches of the Economic Research Area: Far East Analysis, Producers Equipment, Manufacturing Sectors, Transportation, and Agriculture. In general, studies of this type are of substantive value to those ERA branches which utilize detailed information in their analyses, rather than aggregate data concerned with broad sectors of a particular economy.
2. A/F commented that the material forwarded in the referenced studies is too detailed to be of use, since this branch primarily is interested in aggregate data for the broad sectors of the economies of Communist China, North Korea, and North Vietnam, as reflected in GNP- and NIE-type studies. A/F is directly interested, however, in obtaining data on the following subjects: investment in industrial and agricultural capital construction; farm procurement prices; retail prices, especially for major commodities; Chinese communes -- their organization and operation, their planning and statistical procedures, and their internal and external financial and commercial activities; the national budget, national finance, and other broad aspects of the economies of the three countries.
3. S/TR and I/FE reviewed the Outline of the Motor Vehicle Industry and Motor Vehicles Produced in Communist China in 1958 and stated that the general quality of the report is very good. Several comments pertaining to the factual material presented in the study will be forwarded under separate cover to [REDACTED]

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4. I/MS feels that usefulness of the Development of the Cotton Spinning and Weaving Industry in Communist China, Its Effects and Implications is limited by factual errors. Substantive comments on this study also will be forwarded under separate cover.

5. The Soviet Far East Fishing Industry presents detailed information which will be a useful reference for N/AG. This branch would be very interested in a study by ACRAPAC that would show the extent of the deficit of agricultural production in the area east of West Siberia and the sources of various agricultural products brought into the area to fill the deficit.

6. The Economic Research Area, in conjunction with St/I, is in the process of preparing specific requirements in order to utilize this potential source as fully as possible.

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